

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

HAROUT HANDIAN,

Plaintiff,

v.

MARK SHEPARD, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:22-cv-01269-EPG

ORDER APPROVING STIPULATION FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO
THE COMPLAINT

(ECF No. 13)

On January 26, 2023, Plaintiff and Defendant Mark Scott Shepard filed a stipulated extension under Local Rule 144(a) for Defendant to have until February 8, 2023, to respond to Plaintiff's complaint. (ECF No. 12). Local Rule 144(a) provides as follows:

Unless the filing date has been set by order of the Court, an initial stipulation extending time for no more than twenty-eight (28) days to respond to a complaint, cross-claim or counterclaim, or to respond to interrogatories, requests for admissions, or requests for production of documents may be filed without approval of the Court if the stipulation is signed on behalf of all parties who have appeared in the action and are affected by the stipulation. All other extensions of time must be approved by the Court. No open extensions of time by stipulation of the parties will be recognized.

LR 144(a).

Because this was the parties' initial stipulated extension, it was permissible under Local Rule 144(a) without the Court's approval.

1 On February 8, 2023, Plaintiff and Defendant Mark Scott Shepard filed a second
2 stipulated extension under Local Rule 144(a) for Defendant to have until March 1, 2023, to
3 respond to Plaintiff's complaint. (ECF No. 13). However, because this is the parties' second
4 extension, the stipulation is not effective without Court approval. Upon review, the Court
5 approves the extension request.

6 Accordingly, pursuant to the parties' stipulation (ECF No. 13) IT IS ORDERED as
7 follows:

- 8 1. Defendant Mark Scott Shepard shall have until March 1, 2023, to respond to Plaintiff's
9 complaint.
- 10 2. Should the parties stipulate to another extension of this deadline, they shall submit a
11 proposed order for the Court's review and approval in compliance with Local Rule 137.

12 IT IS SO ORDERED.

13 Dated: February 9, 2023

14 /s/ Eric P. Shroy
15 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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